

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0002] of the specification as follows:

[0002] This invention relates generally to hydrogel compositions. More particularly the invention relates to hydrogel compositions useful as wound dressings and for administering a wide variety of active agents to mucosal tissue such as the mouth, including tooth whiteners. The assignees of this application, Corium International, Inc. and the A.V. Topchiev Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis, Russian Academy of Sciences, are parties to a joint research agreement covering work in this and other fields.